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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

1. COMMITTEE II: CHAIRMAN AGUILAR FORMED NEGOTIATING GROUP 4 (NG 4) TO DEAL WITH STRAITS AND OPENED DISCUSSIONS. MALAYSIA TABLED AMENDMENTS, FOLLOWED BY INTERVENTIONS BY IRAN, SPAIN, PRC, INDONESIA, OMAN, PHILIPPINES AND EGYPT. MOST INTERVENTIONS WERE LOW-KEY AND MALAYSIAN AMENDMENTS WERE MORE MODERATE THAN THOSE THEY TABLED AT LAST SESSION. DISCUSSIONS ENDED AFTER ONE AND A HALF HOURS, BUT EGYPT REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 43. ADVANCE COPY INDICATES INTENT TO CHANGE REGIME IN STRAITS OF TIRAN TO SUSPENDABLE INNOCENT PASSAGE. GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN THURSDAY.

2. COMMITTEE III: AUSTRALIA AND U.K. ARE EXPLORING COMPROMISE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES FROM ALL GROUPS. COMPROMISE WOULD GENERALLY ACCEPT STRUCTURE OF RSNT WHILE NARROWING LIST OF CRITERIA FOR DISCRETIONARY CONSENT, RETAINING TACIT CONSENT, AND APPLYING COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES TO

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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO GET SEVERAL

MAJOR COUNTRIES FROM ALL GROUPS TO APPROACH CHAIRMAN

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AUSTRALIA AND U.K. ARE CONSULTING WITH US ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

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